ADDENDUM OF HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

In 1888: L.P. St Clair formed a company to operate a gas system in Bakersfield.

In 1890: St Clair raised money to supply an electric system for Bakersfield.

In 1894: Power Development Company formed to supply electricity to St. Clair' company.

In 1898: All allied companies merged into Power Transit & Light Co.

In 1910; P.T.& L. purchased by San Joaquin Light & Power Co.

In 1933:Revenue losses forced San Joaquin L.& P. Co. to liquidate Bakersfield & Kern Electric Electric Railway.

SOURCE of DATA for above: P.G.& E. PROGRESS,"Energy's Troubled Pioneer in Bakersfield", May 1975.

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SOURCE of below: In June of 1933, V.N.Mickelberry prepared notes to inform employees of S.J.L.&P. Co. proposal to transfer streetcar system. Notes in possession of Mrs. Louise Bartlett Mickelberry of Bak.

The system losing close to $20,000 annually due to Great Depression. Construction of the "Traffic Circle" as obstruction to street railway added to revenue loss.Company would sell property and franchise to employees and lease equipment. Employees to pay all operation costs, insurance, taxes, etc., and be granted a $25,000 four-year loan. Mickelberry assumed basic responsibility and was granted 51% of shares.

The employee group assumed responsibility on Nov. 1,1933. In 1944 a few residual employees sued for 49% of stock and were granted about 33% by court. Mickelberry family purchased all this stock.

On Nov. 7, 1938, Virgil Mickelberry died of heart disease. His son W.M. "Bill" left position with San Joaquin L. & P. Co. to manage the B.&K. Electric RR. On Feb. 16, 1949, the name was changed to Bakersfield Transit Company. The last electric street car had entered the barn at midnight of Feb. 28, 1942.

City of Bakersfield acquired the transit system by purchase on July first, 1956.

SOURCE REF. : see Bakersfield Californian, issues of July first, 1939, Feb. 28, 1942, August 6, 1957.

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